

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled TEST SLIDE FOR MICROSCOPES AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH A SLIDE, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designates at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed (Day/Mo./Yr.)</u>	<u>(Yes/No) Priority Claimed</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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For: **TEST SLIDE FOR MICROSCOPES AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH A SLIDE**

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **TEST SLIDE FOR MICROSCOPES AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH A SLIDE** described in

☒ the specification filed herewith
☐ application serial no. _____, filed _____
☐ patent no. _____, issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contractor law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

☐ no such person, concern, or organization
☒ persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

FULL NAME: NORTHERN EDGE ASSOCIATES INC.

ADDRESS: P.O.Box 23, Bolton, Ontario, Canada, L7E 5T1
☐ Individual ☒ Small Business Concern ☐ Non-Profit Organization

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
☐ Individual ☐ Small Business Concern ☐ Non-Profit Organization

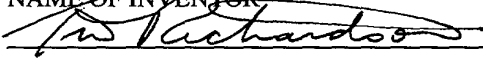
FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
☐ Individual ☐ Small Business Concern ☐ Non-Profit Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

TIMOTHY M. RICHARDSON
NAME OF INVENTOR


Signature of Inventor

JUNE 24 / 1997
Date

Inventor(s): Timothy M. Richardson

ATTY. DKT. NO.:

Appln. No.: _____ or Patent No.: _____

Filed: herewith or Issued: _____

Title: TEST SLIDE FOR MICROSCOPES AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH A SLIDE

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(d) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:

☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: Northern Edge Associates Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN: P.O. Box 23, Bolton, Ontario, Canada, L7E 5T1

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention TEST SLIDE FOR MICROSCOPES AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH A SLIDE

Inventor(s) Timothy M. Richardson

☒ the Specification filed herewith,

☐ Application No. 0, filed.

☐ Patent No. , issued.

The rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each small entity individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed in (A) and (B) below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify under 37 CFR 1.9(c) as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

FULL NAME of assignee/licensee/grantee/conveyee*
ADDRESS

Operator box: ☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

NOTE: Separate verified statement is required from each person, concern or organization named in (A) and (B) above having rights to the invention, averring to his/her/its status as a small entity. (37 CFR 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this case, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the fee of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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DATE: JUNE 24/1997.